

Application No.: 09/441,271
Amendment dated October 20, 2003
Reply to Office Action of May 20, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an office action dated 5/20/2003, in Section 3, Examiner finally rejected claims 2, 3, 6-14, 16-18, 23-26, 28-37, 39-43 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kopp, Jr. et al. (US 5,810,604) in view of Redford et al (US 6,327,459). Applicant cancels claims 2, 3, 6-14, 16-18, 23-26, 28-37, 39-43 and 45.

In Section 5 of the office action, Examiner finally rejected claims 4, 5, 44, 27 as being unpatentable over Kopp et al in view of Redford et al as applied to claims 41, 42 and 23, and in further view of Post et al (1997 IEEE). Applicant cancels claims 4, 5, 44 and 27.

In Section 6 of the office action, Examiner rejected claims 15 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kopp et al in view of Redford et al as applied to claims 41 and 23, and further in view of Munyan (US 5,761,485). Applicant cancels claims 15 and 38.

Applicant adds claims 46-52 to further distinguish the applicant's invention over the presently cited references. Applicant asserts that newly added claims 46-52 are patentably distinguishable from each of the cited references referred to either individually or combined. It is accordingly urged that the newly added claims are allowable. Applicant files an RCE including the proper fee in order for the Examiner to consider these newly added and patentably distinguishable claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

To the extent necessary, applicants petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0207 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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